Christmas, always a home holiday, was especially so this year. It was given over to family reunions, bringing not only the boys and girls from school and college, but many of the cider ones from camps for brief furloughs. For this reason Christmas entertaining was more delightful than ever, more like the old time celebrations with trees, merry-making and good cheer. There was no end of family dinner parties, luncheons and dances for the younger set. Certainly war times or no war times, the younger set, including not only the debutantes but the sub-debutantes and the set even younger than the latter are having a beautiful time these holidays. There is just a continuous round of parties of all sorts, though all more or less informal, for the girls and boys. As one mother said, we should not allow the shadow of the war to affect the young people as long as possible, for it won't be long before, one by one, they will be touched by the loss of some dear one in battle. Then the boys; many of them will be in France if the war lasts much longer. Mrs. Charles Bromwell for one, said she felt she could not do enough for her boy, M, &cott Bromwell, to make his vacation happy, for next summer he will be twenty-one and will get his bit. It seems that Mrs. Evans, of the Marine Corpa, is something of an author besides being a plendid soldier-sailor or saider-sailor or saider-s

jewels were missing. The rest were the boys and girls, and practically all of the boys were in uniform of some sort. So many of the boys were stran-gers to Washington, were those who. having entered the service, have been ordered to duty here, while the boys we all know who usually are to be seen at the social functions have gone to France or to the different cantonments in this country or perhaps are

On the other hand there were many there who had not been to a party here for many days; who came from different parts of the country to spend different parts of the country to spend christmas with their families. Capt. Alfred Robins, U. S. N. C., for one, was at the dance. It is the first time in over two years that he has been back in Washington and was busy greeting and being greeted by his old friends all evening. Jim Orme, now a captain in the Ordance Corps. U. S. M. C., was there, having come home from Ft. Worth where he is stationed, for Christmas. Col. Charles Haight came up from Petersburg to spend Christmas with his family at Ft. Myer, and in papay with Col. Charles W. Fen. 1, slipped into the dance for a while. Ormsby McCammon, who has been up at Allentown for months with the District Ambulance Corps, with Mrs. McCammon,

could not do enough for her boy, M. Scott Bromwell, to make his vacation happy, for next summer he will be twenty-one and will get his commission in the army. And no doubt he will make as splendid an officer as his late father, who certainly held an enviable record in the army.

But the war has upset the Mardi Gras carnival in New Orleans, more's the pity. The mayor, Mr. Behrman by name, has just announced that public masking, heretofore a prominent feature of the last day of the Mardi Gras, will not be permitted this year to remove possibility of serious trouble which might occur were agents of the German government permitted to so about the city disguised. Shortly after this country entered the war it was decided to give up carnival balls and parades.

The younger set even predominated at the ball Christmas night, given for the benefit of the Children's Country Home. That ball is usually attended by the older set in society, by Wash-the older set in society set of the same of the benefit of the Children's Country
Home. That ball is usually attended
by the older set in society, by Washington's four hundred, who generally
bring out their best gowns and finest
jewels for the occasion. Not so this
year. The few regulars who are interested in the home were all there
of course, but the beautiful gowns and
jewels were missing. The rest were

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or though she became somewhat upset after she took a tumble while dancing. She need not
have been fussed about it, though,
for that always happens sooner or
learn to every one who dances frequently. That charming young son of the Secretary of the Treasury and the exact image of his
father. Robert Hazelhurst McAdoo,
was at the ball too. He surely looks
the part of the sailor he is; always
stands with his arms folded in
sailor fashion and has the long,
swinging stride that one always
connects mentally with the sailor.
His uniform is very becoming to
his manly yet boyish face. Franklin K. Lane attended the ball too,
but instead of the navy blue, wore
this time, the khaki of the naval
aviator and looked more like his
old self of a few months ago when
he was an army officer.

across. The ambulance boys have expected to sail every week now for months and have not gone yet. The boys are getting very impatient and blue. Velvet seems to be the popular boys are getting very impatient and will soon go on a strike if something doesn't happen to get them to France soon.

Mrs. McCammon-has Mrs. Frank E. Evans living with her this winter so they can keep each other company while their husbands are doing their material for evening gowns this winter and material for evening gowns this winter and material for evening sowns this winter, especially velvet in the deep dark blues and American beauty reds. It was a pretty party, but like all dances nowadays, there seems to be something lacking; a spirit of gayety. No one seems to be anxious to dance any more; they do it like they don't

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it was noticeable that several French officers did not dance. It seems that they not only don't want to, but are not allowed to. There is a military regulation forbidding army officers to dance. When one of the officers were asked why there was such a regulation, he replied that one should never ask the reason for a military order of an sort. But later he admitted that it was because their comrades were suffering and dying at the front. He said that in France there is no dancing anwhere. One reason that the support several ambulances for our soldiers after donating the royalties of her most popular record, "The Low-backed Car," to the American Red cross, while a considerable sum has been donated to the education of the bind, a cause that has long been donated to the education of the best of the French chefs. But she is not giving away her mammy's support several ambulances for our soldiers after donating the royalties of her most popular record, "The Low-backed Car," to the American Red cross, while a considerable sum has been donated to the education of the bind, a cause that has long been donated to the education of the box of the French chefs. But she is not giving away her mammy's support several ambulances for our soldiers after donating the royalties of her most popular record, "The Low-backed Car," to the American Red cores, while a considerable sum has been donated to the education of the bind, a cause that has long been donated to the education of the bind, a cause that has long been donated to the education of the box of the French chefs. But she is not giving away her mammy's support several ambulances for our soldiers after donating the royalties of her most popular record, "The Low-backed Car," to the American Red lot of sugar. There is no mention of cranber-ries in this menu—"cranberries take such a lot of sugar. Thore is not giving away her mammy's support several ambulances for our soldiers after donating the royalties and provide and provide and provide and provide and provide and provide and p

is no dancing anwhere. One reason is that there isn't a faimly that hasn't lost some one in the war. M. Geoffroy, of the French High Commission, was at that party with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joerrison, whom he know he for the standchildren and Mr. McAdoo's little Joerrison, whom he know he for the standchildren and Mr. McAdoo's little stan whom he knew before he Joernson, whom he knew before he came to this country. That was the first social function he has attended for some time, for he has been sick, suffering from a severe attack of ton-silitis, though he looks very well. He is a delightful young man, qui's hand-some, particularly in his uniform which he seldom wears, and has beome quite popular in Washington so

One person was missed at the party, Ralph Totten, and after inquiry on the part of several of his friends, it was learned that he had gone away on an inspection tour of the consu-lates in Mexico and will be absent for about six weeks. He is a consul gen-eral-at-large which means that he is in charge of a number of consulates.
There are five men in the State Department who hold that position. Our consulates are all divided into five divisions, each looked after by one of divisions, each looked after by one of these consul generals-at-large. Mr. Totten's last detail was consul gen-eral-at-large in Europe. He returned from Europe last spring and has been on duty at the State Department ever since. Now he is assigned to the Mexico division but it is only a tem-porary detail.

In addition to the social function In addition to the social functions for young people, there were a few parties last week—the same will be true next week—for the older people and much official entertaining for the visiting Serbian mission. Also Admiral Grasset, in command of the French ship Le Gloire, in New York harbor, was in town for a few days and was entertained by the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand at dinner last Thursday evening. inner last Thursday evening.

On Friday President Wilson cele-brated his sixty-first birthday anni-versary. Certainly he does not look his age; in fact, he seems to look younger than he did several years ago. His birthday suniversary comes just ten days after his wedding anni-versary.

versary.

The return of Miss Margaret Wilson to the White House last Monday completed the family party at the White House. All three of the President's daughters were there for the family dinner Christmas evening. Miss Wilson's return marked the close of one of the most sutraordinarily successful concert tours in which Miss Wilson the chestnut stuffing for the turburners.

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have. At Enid Sims' charming teadance, which she gave for her guest,
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On Christmas morning, just like any other folks, President and Mrs. Wilson gathered, in company with the family, around the Christmas tree and exchanged presents.

granddaughter, Miss Nona McAdoo Martin (and perhaps that young per-son's youngest aunt, Miss Sallie Mc-Ado, Adoo, though she is beginning to feel
a little too big to be classed with the
bablest, as the honor guests—and all
the family grown-ups sharing the
children's pleasures and rejoicing in it. Little Josephine Cothran, who was regarded as the "official" White House baby at the beginning of the Wilson regime, and who each previous Christmas has come down from Philadel-phia with her mother to help make Christmas merry for her distinguished great uncle, was not here this year. She is in Chicago helping her mother get settled in her new home there and

There is no record of the Christmas dinner menu at the White House. It was probably "meatless" within the Hoover meaning of the word, since poultry doesn't "count"—and turkey is the American Idea of what's what for Christmas dinner. But they do say that the most expensive single item on the table was the butter at \$557 a pound. It was a very special pound, of course—of butter made by Mrs. C. N. Easterday, of Marblehead. Iowa, and presented to the Red Cross of her neighborhood. It was auctioned at a Red Cross sale and brought the price quoted, the purchaser sending it to the White House for the President's Christmas dinner. There is no record of the Christmas

The Hoovers themselves, by the way, had a model "Hoover Christ-mas dinner." Here's the menu, vouched for by Mrs. Hoover her-self,

Celery Soup Olives
Turkey with chestnut dressing—no bread crumbs used
Tossted corn bread
Lettuce salad
Pumpkin pie, with wheatless crust
American cheese.

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thanks of the league; surely the facts could not have been presented better or in more entertaining fashion-in short 'twas just the Yours truly.

JOSEPHINE WHITING SMITH. Secretary Washington Animal Res cue League.

December 23, 349 Maryland avenue, southeast."

It is suspected, though, that was almost the only dinner in Wash ington on Christmas Day to which Mr. Hoover would not have objected on that day; likewise Thanksgiving Day, most people unlike Mr. Hoover himself, tried to forget all about that gentleman and his warning for just twenty four hours.
Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Kellogg took

Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Hoover. They are to be guests of the Hoovers until they can find a house in Washington. They are to be here all winter as Dr. Kel-logg is connected, with the Food Administration. He is professor of entomelogy and biology at the Le-land Stanford University and was formerly of the Belgian Relief Commission.

Sir Charles and Lady Gordon went to their home in Montreal before reers at the Washington Animal Res-cue League. The committee will receive contributions of any suit-Sir Charles in New York, where he "There will be no Christmas tree this year, as has been the custom in the past."

landed from England that same use. Sir Charles was recently appointed vice chairman of the British War Mission in the United States, and will be a local Northeliffe's duties until in the past."

Mission in the United States, and will that is what The Herald wrote. I take up Lord Northcliffe's duties until

be latter returns some time early in he New Year. Meanwhile he will pend much of his time at the British War Mission headquarters at 5si Fifth avenue, New York. He declared upon his arrival that the British people are determined to carry on the war until the enemy had been defeated so thart a lasting peace could be looked forward to after all the war and desolation of the past years.

With Bir Charles on the same ship coming over was Lieut. Col. G. E. McCuaig, of the Thirteenth Battalion of the Canadian infantry, who went over with the first troops from Canada and has been fighting on the Western Iron ever since. He was badly gased just before the attack at Cambrai, and is going home to recuperate in Canada. Others on the same ship were Governor Robert Livingston Beeckman, of Bhode Island, and Mrs. Backman, and Sir Frederick & Smith, attorney general of Great Britain: also Col. W. B. Thompson, of the American Red Cross. Sir Frederick, who is on his sixth visit to the United States, expects to be here until February and will come to Washington to confer with the Attorney General, T. W. Gregory, on matters relating to the war. Sir Frederick was chief of the will come to Washington to confer with the Attorney General, T. W. Gregory, on matters relating to the war. Sir Frederick was chief of the censor board after the war began until he was appointed to his presen

Gov. and Mrs. Beeckman have been six weeks in England, France and Belgium and were in a hurry to get nome to eat a belated Christmas dinhome to eat a belated Christmas dinner. The governor found the American itroops in splendid physique and
spirits, and gave to them the personal message that he received from
President Wilson on the eve of his
departure for England and France.
The message was, "Tell our boys that
my greatest wish is that I might be
with them."

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The governor had hoped to take an The governor had hoped to take an air flight from London to Paris to show his deep interest in the aerial phase of the war. Mrs. Beeckman was also anxious to accompany him; that is, in spearate machines flying simultaneously. But they were persuaded not to take the risk and crossed by boat. They saw and talked simultaneously. But they were persuaded not to take the risk and crossed by boat. They saw and talked with hundreds of American soldiers and visited the French, British and at 2618 Connecticut avenue, for the Belgian fronts. The ship they crossed on was a former well-known atlantic liner now in the British service and one of her daughters, pretty who were all traveling as guests of ing the winter with her cousin, the British admiralty, ranging from diplomats to shipwrecked horsemen. During the time this vessel has been in the government service it has transported 150,000 Canadian and British troops to various were presented. troops to various war zones with-

Esther Cleveland, daughter of Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, jr., was announced recently, has lost his sight in battle. It has also been stated that Capt. Bosanquet was at St. Dunstan's Hospital for the Blind in London and that he met Miss Cleveland there subsequently to having met her in Switzerland, three years ago. It seems that Capt. Bosanquet is not blind and has never been in St. Dunstan's Hospital. Miss Cleveland was only in St. Dunstan's Hospital for two weeks in Junestan's Hospital for two weeks in Junestan Hospital for two wee stan's Hospital for two weeks in June. 1916, and since then has been working

years has been undergoing reconstruc-No attempt was made to have

beautiful along Fifth avenue, is their were instructors. There is to be quite inherited home and has been regarded as the Vanderbill homestead. The the person of Second Lieut. Bud Fishhouse was erected by the late Willer, who is to be with the 319th Field. iam H. Vanderbilt, grandfather of Artillery. There was some mistake about his orders for they were look-the late Mrs. William H. Vanderbilt, ing for Bud Fisher, of "Mutt and who survived her husband several Jeft" fame, to report for duty a few years. Then it went to the late George W. Vanderbilt, uncle of the colonel.

Under the terms of the late

ern wall of the foyer.

The walls of the foyer and central hall are of Caen stone and the floors are of white marble squares outlined in black. The soft gray of the stone walls form effective backgrounds for the large tapestries suspended against them. The main salons facing Fifth avenue and the dining-room on Fiftwelfer. and the dining-room on Fifty-fire street open from the central hall.

Mr. Phillips was selected outside the diplomatic corps, being a sub-cessful business man. Mr. Phillips has spent much time making s careful study of public addresses by President Wilson and of other matters concerning American poli-tics.

lantic liner now in the British service. and one of her daughters, pretty It is the first time in three years that Louise Hill, are spending the winter that come to an American port, ter in New York. Another daughters, ter, Mrs. Sypret Hendrick, is pass-

There was certainly one happy out losing a life, which is some rec-ord. On several occasions in the Medi-terranean and the Bay of Biscay the Williams. That morning their door vessel had narrow escapes from sub-bell rang and to their surprise in marine attacks, having had a torped walked their son, Lieut. Alexander pass within five feet of her bow. Her Williams. U. S. A., and Mrs. Wilsides are disguised by decorations of llams, whom they thought to be a peacock blue, somewhat after the way off in the Philippines. Dr. and style of those in the audience hall of Mrs. Williams did not even know the Mogul Emarror's palace at Delhi, that their son and his family had and were designed by an artist of the Royal Academy.

that their son and his family had sailed. To say they were glad to see them, after an absence of sev-Rumor had it that Capt, Alfred Bo-sanquet, whose engagement to Miss Esther Cleveland, daughter of Mrs. first reserve officers' training camp

Before they are hardly settled in ipi6, and since then has been working at the Lighthouse, in Paris, with the bilinded French soldiers, in connection with Miss Winfred Holt.

Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt celebrated Christmas Eve in New York by taking possession of her new house at 660 Fifth avenue, which for nearly two years has been undergoing reconstructions. Before they are hardly settled in their house. Rear Admiral and Mrs. Reginald Belknap are planning to move again, as the admiral has been assigned to sea duty and Mrs. Belknap doesn't want to stay in that highouse without him. Their plans are still up in the air, but they are going to move; that much they do know. They aren't going right away though, sometime in February or thereabours. sometime in February or thereabouts.

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